

California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management, Panel on Certification  
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**Application for Certified  
Rangeland Manager**

*Instructions:* Submit application, transcripts, and letters of reference in digital form (attached as files to an email, or mailed on a CD). Transcripts must document degree awarded and date of completion. Appropriate fee (payable to the California Section, Society for Range Management) should be sent by check. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide full documentation of education and experience, and letters of reference that attest to the required qualifications. Before completing the application, carefully read the informational pamphlet on Certification of Rangeland Managers. Please contact the Executive Secretary of the Panel on Certification for information on application deadlines.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

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Business address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for:      Certified Rangeland Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Change in status from Associate Rangeland Manager to Certified \_\_\_\_\_

**I.      College/University Education (attach supporting transcripts to application) (Not  
         Applicable if applicant has been approved as an Associate Rangeland Manager.**

A.	Institution	Dates Attended	Degree	Major
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1.

2.

3.

4.

B. Completed coursework in range management (note, an individual course may be used to qualify for up to two of the following required courses, if applicable)

1. Rangeland ecology AND rangeland vegetation management  
Title of Course  
Department  
Institution  
Course Number                      Units
2. Rangeland plant physiology  
Title of Course  
Department  
Institution  
Course Number                      Units
3. Rangeland animal management  
Title of Course  
Department  
Institution  
Course Number                      Units
4. Rangeland policy and planning, AND the economics of sustainable rangeland productivity  
Title of Course  
Department  
Institution  
Course Number                      Units
5. Rangeland measurements  
Title of Course  
Department  
Institution  
Course Number                      Units

II. Other Education and/or Experience to be applied to basic educational qualifications:

III. Experience: A minimum of five full years of professional experience is required for certification. Graduate work may substitute for up to two years of experience.

A. Present Position Title\_\_\_\_\_

1. Period in this position: from\_\_\_\_\_to\_\_\_\_\_

2. Description of specific duties and responsibilities as a rangeland manager.  
(Describe what you specifically do and provide a percentage estimate of time you devote to each major job duty.)

3. Does this position entail rangeland management in a California rangeland type?  
Please explain.

4. Does this position require a Bachelor's or higher degree in range management or a related field? Yes\_\_No\_\_

5. Does this position represent full-time (100%) duties specifically devoted to professional rangeland management work? Yes\_\_No\_\_ . If no, what percentage is devoted to professional-level rangeland management work?  
Percent\_\_\_\_\_

6. Name and Address of employer:\_\_\_\_\_

7. Name, address, telephone number, and title of supervisor or person with knowledge of your responsibilities and performance:\_\_\_\_\_

B. Previous Position Title\* \_\_\_\_\_

1. Period in this position: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Description of specific duties and responsibilities as a rangeland manager.  
(Describe what you specifically do and provide a percentage estimate of time you devote to each major job duty.)
3. Does this position entail rangeland management in a California rangeland type?  
Please explain.
4. Does this position require a Bachelor's or higher degree in range management or a related field? Yes\_\_No\_\_
5. Does this position represent full-time (100%) duties specifically devoted to professional rangeland management work? Yes\_\_No\_\_ . If no, what percentage is devoted to professional-level rangeland management work?  
Percent \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name and Address of employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Name, address, telephone number, and title of supervisor or person with knowledge of your responsibilities and performance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\*additional copies of this page should be attached/inserted to list additional experience, if needed.

IV. Professional References: Please list names of 3 professional rangeland managers, including one CRM, who have agreed to provide letters of reference in support of your application for certification.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Arrange to have each person email a letter to the Panel on Certification commenting on your academic and/or professional experience and qualifications for certification as a professional rangeland manager.

V. Fees and eligibility: Please send a check for the Certified Rangeland Manager application fee payable to the California Section, Society for Range Management:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Certified Rangeland manager: \$50.00 for members of the California-Pacific Section, \$100.00 for non-members.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Change in status from Associate Rangeland Manager to Certified Rangeland Manager: \$25.00 for California-Pacific Section member, \$50.00 for non-member.

VI. Declaration:

In applying for certification as a Certified Rangeland Manager, I have reviewed and pledge to adhere to the Society for Range Management's Code of Ethics and the Standard for Professional Conduct as described in the certification Pamphlet.

I further attest that the information provided in this application form, together with all attached documents, is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date submitted)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant signature)

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### **Eligibility Criteria and Application Instructions For Certified Rangeland Manager**

You may be eligible for Certified Rangeland Manager status if you have completed the minimum educational and experience requirements as described below:

#### **Education**

A bachelor's degree or higher in range management or a bachelor's degree or higher in another related subject which included completion of coursework in the following topics:

1. rangeland ecology AND rangeland vegetation management
2. rangeland plant physiology
3. rangeland animal management
4. rangeland policy and planning, AND the economics of sustainable rangeland productivity
5. rangeland measurements

#### **Experience**

1. Five years (60 months full-time equivalent) of qualifying professional experience.
2. Qualifying experience begins after completion of minimum educational requirements.
3. All qualifying experience must be directly related to range and/or rangeland management and include demonstration of the application of rangeland management principles. Experience in a California rangeland type is required.
4. Qualifying experience is defined as the performance of activities demonstrating professional competence in the science, art, and practice of managing and using for human benefit the natural resources that occur on and in association with rangeland and range, and more particularly classified as:
  - (a) Rangeland vegetation management, which includes the management of vegetation composition and productivity, animal habitat, re-vegetation, and the control of undesirable plants.

- (b) Rangeland animal management, which includes the management of wild and domestic herbivores, including development of grazing systems, and practices for managing and controlling livestock on range.
  - (c) Rangeland ecology, which includes the protection of natural vegetation, ecosystem restoration and rehabilitation, and research into ecosystem and landscape processes.
  - (d) Rangeland policy and planning, which includes the development of rangeland and range management plans, and analysis and interpretation of laws and policies pertaining to rangeland and range management; and economics as it relates to the management of rangelands for sustainability, including productivity.
  - (e) Rangeland measurements, which includes rangeland resource assessment and analysis of range condition.
5. Education toward a higher degree may be substituted for up to 2 years (24 months) of experience.

Other combinations of education and experience may, at the discretion of the Certification Panel, be accepted as equivalent to the requirements listed above.

### **Application Materials**

To apply for Certified Rangeland Manager, please submit a check for application fees (see below) and the following to the Secretary in digital format (via email or CD). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Completed application form.
2. Certified (or copies of certified) college or university transcripts providing evidence of completed course work.
3. Three letters of reference by professional rangeland managers attesting to your qualifications. At least one letter must be from a Certified Rangeland Manager.

The Certification Panel may, at its discretion, request additional supporting information. Certification does not constitute a guarantee by the California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management that the applicant meets any certain standard of competence or possesses any specific knowledge.

### **Application Fees**

Payable to the California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management. \$50.00 for members of the California-Pacific Section, \$100.00 for non-members. Application fee for change of status from ARM to CRM: \$25.00 for Section member, \$50.00 for non-member.

### **Application Deadlines**

Please contact the Executive Secretary of the Panel on Certification for information on application deadlines for review by the panel and in time to qualify for the next exam.

### **Exam Scheduling**

Qualified applicants will be eligible to take the Certified Rangeland Manager Exam, administered by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Professional Foresters Registration. The exam is given at locations scheduled by the Board in October and, with adequate number of applicants, April.